

The Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling (ACPG) legislative workgroup (workgroup) held a telephone meeting on Monday, February 1, 2016 10:00 am to about 12:00 pm. It discussed four major matters:

1. The workgroup discussed the need for more consistent state funding for problem gambling. The current statutory scheme relies on fees, which are based on a per slot machine, per quarter levy. The number of slot machines in Nevada, however, have significantly decreased in the past decade and further declines are likely.

The workgroup indicated a preference to explore how this fee can be more evenly and predicable spread over more participants in the gaming industry. Cabot agreed to explore further how the state levies fees on the gaming industry. Preliminary indications show the following breakdown in fiscal 2014:

#### COLLECTIONS BY CATEGORY

(Source: Revenue Summary Report; Current as of 8/12/14)

	Amount	Percent
Percentage Fees	\$ 681,085,071	74.6%
Entertainment Tax	\$ 139,156,240	15.3%
Quarterly Nonrestricted Slot Tax	\$ 11,383,000	1.2%
Quarterly Games Tax	\$ 6,410,111	0.7%
Quarterly Restricted Slot Tax	\$ 8,305,289	0.9%
Annual Slot Tax	\$ 44,317,162	4.9%
Annual Games Tax	\$ 2,517,158	0.3%
Other Collections	\$ 19,197,285	2.1%
Total	\$ 912,371,316	100%

#### Other Collections Breakdown (over \$370,000)

Expired Voucher Tickets	\$8,400,000.00
Advanced License Fees	\$1,700,000.00
Interactive License Fees	\$ 760,000.00
Penalties, Fines and Interest	\$ 370,000.00

The workgroup will review this information at the next meeting.

2. The workgroup discussed the need to have an understanding of the total amount required to have funding for a statewide comprehensive plan for addressing problem gambling. The workgroup recommended that this committee establish a separate workgroup to work with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and outside contractors to develop an understanding of the total funding needed for this comprehensive plan. This is needed to determine the optimal rate of fees that should be requested from the legislature to fund problem gambling

3. The subcommittee discussed the need to modify the description of duties of the advisory committee as set forth in 458A.070 to better reflect its role in recommending policy initiatives to better address problem gambling in Nevada. Carol O'Hare will draft language for consideration at the next workgroup meeting.

4. The workgroup discussed whether the statutory language contained in 458A.060 regarding the required composition of the Advisory Committee was outdated or too restricting. The workgroup discussed some issues that have arisen with the very narrow definitions in the existing statute. Cabot agreed to provide a draft of the statutory amendments for as a starting point for discussion at the next workgroup meeting. A draft of that amendment is set forth below:

**2. The Governor shall appoint the following regular members to the Advisory Committee:**

**(a) One regular member who holds a restricted gaming license or represents an association that represents restricted gaming licensees ;**

**(b) Two regular members from a list of nominees provided by the State Association of Gaming Establishments whose members collectively paid the most gross revenue fees to the State pursuant to NRS 463.370 in the preceding year;**

**(c) Two regular members who works in the area of mental health or addictions, at least one of whom has experience in the treatment of persons who are problem gamblers;**

**(d) One regular member who represents an organization that promotes awareness and provides assistance to persons who are affected by problem gambling;**

**(e) Three other members who are Nevada residents, who have personal and/or professional knowledge and experience that in the discretion of the Governor can contribute meaningfully to the Advisory Committee regarding current problem gambling issues and related concerns, including but not limited to personal recovery, at-risk populations, needs assessment, research, and supportive services.**